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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: A)STATE 194115 B) PRAGUE 2077

1. SEPT 3 CHARGE CALLED ON ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH DEPT MFA) TO PRESENT TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SEPT 1 SPEECH AT UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION (PER INSTRUCTIONS STATE 207669). FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF SPEECH, DURING WHICH ZANTOVSKY EMPHASIZED GOC READINESS TO CONSULT WITH U.S. ON ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL ISSUES, ZANTOVSKY RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE BILATERAL MEETING AT UNGA (SEPT 1), AND LISTED A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE USEFULLY DISCUSSED BETWEEN SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK IN CONTEXT OF IMPROVING RELATIONS. CHARGE SAID THAT AT PRESENT TIME, WHEN IN WAKE OF HELSINKI STUDY WAS TAKING PLACE OF WAYS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS, IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO SHOW MODERATION AND TO AVOID ANY IRRITATING MOVES. IN THIS CONTEXT, CHARGE SAID U.S. HAD BEEN DIS-APPOINTED IN GOC VOTE ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN COLONIAL COMMISSION. CHARGE SAID VOTES THAT TOUCHED SENSITIVE ISSUES LIKE THIS WERE CERTAINLY NOT HELPFUL IN BUILDING BETTER BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. ZANTOVSKY REPLIED THAT GOC, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS USUAL PRACTICE, CONSULTED WITH ITS ALLIES ON ISSUES OF THIS NATURE AND  
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VOTED WITH THEM. HE ADDED THAT GOC FELT THE RESOLUTION WAS

RELATIVELY MODERATE, AND RECALLED THAT WHEN ISSUE WAS LAST VOTED, U.S. EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO GOC FOR VOTING IN FAVOR OF SIMILAR WORDING, WHICH WAS THEN LABELED MODERATE. ZANTOVSKY WENT ON TO SAY THAT INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS WOULD

ALWAYS BE ARISING, AS WE SAW RECENTLY IN NEWS FROM CORSICA. CHARGE REPLIED THAT SUCH QUESTIONS MIGHT ARISE (HE NOTED GETTING MAIL FROM A SLOVAK INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT THIS WEEK) BUT USG DID NOT VOTE ON THEM IN UN, AND DID NOT TAKE IT AS FRIENDLY ACT WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES DID. ZANTOVSKY SAID KEY PROBLEM WAS THAT GOC HAD TRIED IN THIS MATTER TO TAKE A MODERATE POSITION IN CONSULTATION WITH ITS ALLIES, AND

WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE MODERATE AND REASONABLE POSITIONS IN FUTURE VOTES IN UN.

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